



going out

▷ Provincetown motel transitions into nightlife destination ▷ Whaler's Lounge is a whale of a good time

A view with a room

Picture Cape Cod Bay, dappled in blues and grays and merging with a sky etched with delicate clouds. Nature's scheme is hard to beat. But if you can't beat 'em, join 'em. This is the approach of the Whaler's Lounge.

Tucked away from Provincetown's west end bustle, the Whaler offers this rapturous vista of sea, sky and varying amounts of golden sand depending on the tide. It's peaceful, mostly. Come weekend nights and high season, this newly opened spot in the Harbor Hotel, formerly the Cape Inn (and really a motel) is poised to pick up some of Ptown's fabled devil-may-care downtown nightlife.

The Whaler is split into a gorgeous outdoor deck with lounge seating, an indoor airy cafe with floor-to-ceiling windows that disappear in clement weather, a low-lit bar at the back and a sun-soaked fire pit with Adirondack chairs. From 4 p.m. on weekends and 5 p.m. during the week, an ambitious menu offers plump lobster sliders (\$14)



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▶ The Whaler's Lounge (698 Commercial St., Provincetown, 508-487-1711). For details, visit www.harborhoteltown.com.

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Get a room

▶ The Harbor Hotel's boutique makeover is fun and simple. Baby blue and acid green add a playful look. It's pop boutique over the luxury variety, with a functional, modern appeal. Continental breakfast is included and the beach is right in front. Summer rates start at \$149.

with tarragon and mayonnaise and wild mushroom ravioli (\$14) with roasted tomatoes. There are peppery jumbo lump crab cakes (\$11) with a creamy apple and horseradish remoulade and oysters Rockefeller (\$14), named for their rich filling — rich enough for a Rockefeller — of spinach, cream and a sprinkling of fresh Parmesan cheese, offset by a subtle aniseed flavor from a touch of Pernod. There are sandwiches, salads, sorbets, ice creams — and a divine Godiva chocolate cheesecake (\$8), too.

And as for that view: It never gets old.

TV watch list

'Wilfred'

COMEDY. Joining "Louie" to create the new downtrodden male comedy hour on FX, "Wilfred" stars Elijah Wood as a suicidal 20-something who befriends his neighbor's dog — whom he believes is a crude Aussie dude in a dog costume. Series premiere, 10 p.m., FX



▶ "Wilfred"

'Futurama'

COMEDY. An alien swaps the genders of the Planet Express crew. Leela can finally get a reprieve from all of the combat boot jokes for once. Season premiere, 10 p.m., Comedy Central

'Suits'

DRAMA. Brilliant college dropout Mike Ross (Patrick J. Adams) scores a gig at one of Manhattan's most prestigious law firms after a drug deal gone wrong. Series premiere, 10 p.m., USA

'Louie'

COMEDY. Our vote for best new comedy last year, the most hilariously misanthropic half-hour on television returns with Louis C.K. still trying to figure out dating and parenting while finding catharsis through stand-up. Season premiere, 10:30 p.m., FX ● AMBER RAY